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**H. R. No. 222**

**Representatives Stinziano, Antani**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Strahorn, Ramos, Celebrezze, Brenner,  
Kunze, Boyce, Hood, Hayes**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring Brutus Buckeye on its Fiftieth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special 2  
recognition to Brutus Buckeye on The Ohio State University 3  
mascot's Fiftieth Anniversary; and 4

WHEREAS, Officially named Brutus Buckeye on November 18, 5  
1965, the mascot for The Ohio State University was created by 6  
students Ray Bourhis and Sally Huber, and it made its debut at the 7  
OSU/Minnesota football game on October 30 earlier that year. 8  
Constructed by students out of papier-mâché as a large smiling 9  
buckeye nut with human legs, the first version was replaced with a 10  
lighter fiberglass model, and it obtained its moniker in a campus- 11  
wide contest; and 12

WHEREAS, Brutus' appearance has been altered over the years, 13  
changing the size of the head and the look on the face to its 14  
current form of a friendly nut-shaped head on a human body with 15  
muscular shoulder pads, a striped shirt, and scarlet pants. 16  
Responsibility for Brutus originally fell to the Block O student 17  
spirit organization but was transferred to the OSU cheerleading 18  
program ten years later so that a member could serve as the 19  
mascot, and eventually the role became a separate addition to the 20  
squad with its own tryouts; and 21

WHEREAS, Appearing at all types of events, Brutus Buckeye 22  
generates enthusiasm and school spirit, and he was selected as a 23  
finalist in the Capital One Mascot Challenge in 2003, winning the 24  
popular vote by fans, and was inducted into the Mascot Hall of 25

Fame in 2007. The university trademarked Brutus in 1987, and he 26  
now takes part in various public and community service events 27  
around Columbus and Central Ohio and uses social media, including 28  
Twitter; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31  
this Resolution, congratulate Brutus Buckeye on its Fiftieth 32  
Anniversary and extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it 33  
further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 35  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to The Ohio 36  
State University and to the news media of Ohio. 37